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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An electronic camera which is driven by a battery, comprising:

an imaging device for imaging an object;

a selector for selecting anyone of a first mode for recording one screen scene of image signal corresponding to an object image which is imaged by said imaging device and a second mode for recording a plurality of screens scenes of image signals corresponding to the object images which are imaged by said imaging device;

a recorder for recording to a recording medium the image signal(s) having the number of screens scenes corresponding to the mode selected by said selector;

a displayer for displaying a real-time motion image corresponding to the object images which are imaged by said imaging device during a time period that no recording process is performed by said recorder;

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a detector for detecting a remaining amount of said battery when a recording instruction is issued;

a determiner for determining whether or not the remaining amount detected by said detector is equal to or more than a threshold value corresponding to the mode selected by said selector out of a first threshold value corresponding to the first mode and a second threshold value corresponding to the second mode; and

a controller for enabling said recorder when a determination result of said determiner is affirmative and disabling said recorder when the determination result of said determiner is negative.

Claim 8 (currently amended): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein the first threshold value corresponds to a consumption power required for recording the one screen scene of image signal, and the second threshold value corresponds to the consumption power required for recording the plurality of screens scenes of image signals.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein said recorder includes a writer for writing to an internal memory the image signal corresponding to the object image, and a transferor for transferring the image signal stored in said internal memory to said recording medium.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein the second mode includes a first resolution mode for recording M (M: integer more than one) screens scenes of the image signals each of which has a first resolution, and a second resolution mode for recording N (N: integer more than one and less than M) screens scenes of the image signals each of which has a second resolution higher than the first resolution.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein the second threshold value has a common numerical value to the first resolution mode and the second resolution mode.

Claim 12 (previously presented): An electronic camera according to claim 7, further comprising an outputter for outputting a message indicative of not-recordable when the determination result of said determiner is negative.